NOAA EO 1988 Floodplain & EO 11990 Wetland Compliance Talkeetna ASOS Lease Renewal

 Public Notice Bullet: NOAA solicits comments for ASOS land lease renewal at Talkeetna Airport

2. Initial Public Notice:

Notification is hereby given to the public of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) intent to execute a land lease renewal for the Automated Surface Observing System (ASOS) located at the Talkeetna, AK airport. The ASOS site is located on the infield between S Terminal Ave and the runway. Under the President's Executive Order 11988, "Floodplain Management," NOAA is required to review the project for possible alternative solutions to the proposed action. Alternatives considered included taking no action (e.g., renewing the lease in the current location, and relocation). Based on NOAA's practical alternative analysis, there is no alternative outside the floodplain and still in acceptable proximity to the runways. The proposed action does not involve new construction. As such, it does not significantly affect the floodplain values or impact the floodplain. Public comment is invited. Send comments to:

NOAA/NWS Alaska Region Re: Talkeetna ASOS Lease Renewal 222 W. 7th Ave #23 Anchorage, AK 99513 Comments may also be emailed to: Scott.Denton@noaa.gov

Comments must be received on or before 10 April 2012.

3. Impact on structure and floodplain values:

The proposed action to execute a lease renewal does not involve any construction. As such, it is not expected to have any impact on the floodplain values. Likewise, the flood impact on the structure is minimal since it has been in existence since 1992. The structure is sound and has been maintained in excellent condition. NOAA maintains the equipment located on the structure, including periodic maintenance, replacement of parts, upgrades, etc.